

## VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### **Open evenings**

Parents are reminded that we have open evenings on Monday and Tuesday of next week. If you haven't requested an appointment please contact the school ASAP.

Due to the open evening all Tuesday after school clubs are cancelled. Karate will continue as usual on Monday.

### **Reception 2008**

We are trying to update our admission lists for reception 2008, if any parents have children in private nurseries but want a reception place for 2008 please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you know of friends in the same position please ask them to contact the school.

Parents of pupils in our school nursery do not need to contact us; we have the children on our list.

### **Families Learning Together**

Michele Carter will be running a course on Wednesday evenings between 5.30 and 7.30 commencing Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Any parent of a child in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 who wants to know more about how their children learn in mathematics or literacy are very welcome to attend. There is no charge for the course which will be held in the junior library. There is no crèche provided for an evening class.

### **Midday supervisor vacancy**

We have one vacancy for a midday supervisor.

If any parents, grandparents or friends are interested please contact the school office.

All candidates would need to be checked by the criminal records bureau which can be organised by the school office.

### **Diary dates**

#### **Christmas concerts.**

In future one key stage will perform a concert at school while the other key stage will hold a carol service at one of the local churches. We will hold all of these during the school day. The evening performances last year proved to be too tiring for the children and many did not turn up.

The infants will be leading a carol service in the week beginning Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> actual day is yet to be confirmed.

Juniors will be performing their concert on the afternoon of Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> and on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dress rehearsal on the morning of Monday December 17<sup>th</sup> for grandparents and any senior citizens who may want to join us.

The morning and afternoon nursery pupils will perform their own little concerts on Thursday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **INSET DAYS**

Tuesday November 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### **Book Fair**

Thank you for your wonderful support yet again spending £1155.00 which means £700 worth of books for the school. Thanks also to those parents who helped to run the book fair every morning and evening.

### **Plastic bottle top collection**

One of our families is collecting plastic tops to raise funds for a wheelchair for an eight year old girl. The school has agreed to be a collection point. If you could recycle any plastic tops, pupils can drop them into the collection box in the main corridor by the head teacher's office.

### **Communication**

We try to send the majority of information out on a Friday so please asks the children if they have had a newsletter. Please check the reading bags of reception pupils as staff put the letters inside so that they don't get lost.

### **School playtimes.**

We put equipment out for the children so they do not need to bring toys in themselves. We have found that some of the little ones are sneaking back in to get things they have brought in from home. No more toys please unless it is a fun day.

### **Health and safety.**

On two occasions this week, dogs have fouled the yard and this has been carried into school on children's feet. Could we please ask that no dogs other than guide dogs are brought on to the school site?

Please note that the police and traffic wardens are clamping down on offenders who park on the zigzag lines or pavements outside the school. This obstructs the view of other drivers and puts children's' lives in danger. If you really need to drive to school then please park at a reasonable distance and walk the children in.

### **PTA meeting**

Wednesday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8.00pm at the Cefn Mably.

### **Half Term**

School ends at 3.30 pm on Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> and resumes on Monday November 5<sup>th</sup>. The children and staff have worked very hard and made a really good start to the year. I'm sure everyone will enjoy the half term break.